

1. (Twice Amended) A portable programmable apparatus for aiding a player in an interactive manner in the performance of a game of chance comprising:

a processor whose actions are directed by a computer program and having a plurality of ports;

a readable memory having prestored blocks of data representative of predetermined numbers and also representative of predetermined patterns furnished from a media having magnetic coded information which is accessible by means movable relative to said information of said media, wherein said predetermined numbers and patterns are correlated to each other to provide games of chance and are capable of being accessed and manipulated by said processor in response to said computer program;

means connected to one of said ports for providing an interactive dialogue between a player using the apparatus and said processor during the performance of said game of chance, said interactive means allowing the player using the apparatus to enter data associated with said game of chance;

means connected to one of said ports for providing a display of the stored blocks of data, the data entered by way of said interactive means, and intermediate and final stages of the performance of said game of chance; and

means for providing a communication protocol for said processor to adapt said processor to communicate with another processor of another portable programmable apparatus.

18. (Amended) A portable programmable apparatus for aiding a player in an interactive manner in the performance of a game of chance comprising:

a processor whose actions are directed by a computer program and having a plurality of ports;

a readable memory having prestored blocks of data representative of predetermined numbers and also representative of predetermined patterns furnished from a media having magnetic coded information which is accessible by means movable relative to said information of said media, wherein said predetermined numbers and patterns are correlated to each other to provide games of chance and are capable of being accessed and manipulated by said processor in response to said computer program;

means for outputting said blocks of data from said readable memory to another processor of another portable programmable apparatus;

means connected to one of said ports for providing an interactive dialogue between a player using the apparatus and said processor during the performance of said game of chance, said interactive means allowing the player using the apparatus to enter data associated with said game of chance; and

means connected to one of said ports for providing a display of the stored blocks of data, the data entered by way of said interactive means, and intermediate and final stages of the performance of said game of chance.

19. (Amended) A portable programmable apparatus for aiding a player in an interactive manner in the performance of a game of chance comprising:

a processor whose actions are directed by a computer program and having a plurality of ports;

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a readable memory having prestored blocks of data representative of predetermined numbers and also representative of predetermined patterns furnished from a media from another readable memory of a second processor of a second portable programmable apparatus, wherein said predetermined numbers and patterns are correlated to each other to provide games of chance and are capable of being accessed and manipulated by said processor in response to said computer program;

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means for outputting said blocks of data from said readable memory to a third processor of a third portable programmable apparatus;

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means connected to one of said ports for providing an interactive dialogue between a player using the apparatus and said processor during the performance of said game of chance, said interactive means allowing the player using the apparatus to enter data associated with said game of chance; and

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means connected to one of said ports for providing a display of the stored blocks of data, the data entered by way of said interactive means, and intermediate and final stages of the performance of said game of chance.

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